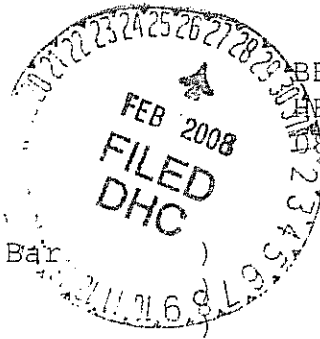


STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY
HEARING COMMISSION
DHC 2



The North Carolina State Bar

v.

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Paul C. Pooley

Defendant answers the 25 January 2008 Complaint, received on 5 February 2008, as follows:

1. Paragraphs 1-3 are admitted.

First Claim for Relief

2. Upon information and belief, paragraphs 4-12 are admitted.
3. Defendant does not admit that he is disabled and should be transferred to disability status.

Second Claim for Relief

4. Upon information and belief, paragraphs 14-26 are admitted.
5. Defendant responded to the grievance on 8 March 2006.
6. Defendant accepted referral of this grievance previously to the Lawyer Assistance Program (LAP) and acknowledged that he was subject to discipline for his actions.

Third Claim for Relief

7. Upon information and belief, paragraphs 28-35 are admitted.
8. Defendant acknowledges that he is subject to discipline for his actions.

Fourth Claim for Relief

9. Defendant self-reported these matters to the Bar on 13 March 2006 and incorporates that response by reference here in answer to this claim and paragraphs 36-45.

10. Not inconsistent with that response the allegations in paragraphs and upon information and belief, paragraphs 37-39 are admitted. With reference to paragraph 40, Defendant does not know what occurred in Lineberger's appeal after he was allowed to withdraw.

11. Defendant accepted referral of these grievances previously to the Lawyer Assistance Program (LAP) and acknowledged that he was subject to discipline for his actions.

Fifth Claim for Relief

12. Defendant provided Covington a copy of all transcripts and file documents on 2 April 2002 and specifically informed him that he was not retaining a copy of the transcripts.

13. Defendant admits that he has not yet replied to the grievance and will do so separate from this Answer. He acknowledges that he may be subject to discipline in this matter.

Sixth Claim for Relief

14. Defendant responded to this claim on 8 March 2006 and 9 March 2006 and incorporates that response by reference here in answer to this claim and paragraphs 63-74.

15. Defendant accepted referral of this grievance previously to the Lawyer Assistance Program (LAP) and acknowledged that he was subject to discipline for his actions.

Seventh Claim for Relief

16. Defendant responded to this claim on 8 March 2006 and 9 March 2006 and incorporates that response by reference here in answer to this claim and paragraphs 76-86.

15. Defendant accepted referral of this grievance previously to the Lawyer Assistance Program (LAP) and acknowledged that he was subject to discipline for his actions.

Eighth Claim for Relief

16. Defendant admits that he has not yet replied to the grievance and will do so separate from this Answer. He acknowledges that he may be subject to discipline in this matter.

Ninth Claim for Relief

17. Defendant admits that he has not yet replied to the grievance and will do so separate from this Answer. He acknowledges that he may be subject to discipline in this matter.

Tenth Claim for Relief

18. Defendant admits that he has not yet replied to the grievance and will do so separate from this Answer. He acknowledges that he may be subject to discipline in this matter.

Eleventh Claim for Relief

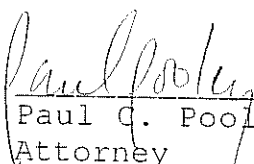
19. Defendant responded to Andrews' original grievance on 8 September 2005 and incorporates that response by reference here. Defendant admits that he has not yet replied to Andrews' 2007 grievance and will do so separate from this Answer. Defendant acknowledges that he may be subject to discipline in this matter.

Defendant's Response to State Bar's Prayer for Relief

20. Defendant does not oppose and concurs in the Bar's request that he submit to a medical examination and evaluation. He respectfully suggests that such examination and evaluation be conducted prior to any hearing in this matter. He asks that the Disciplinary Hearing Commission consider this paragraph a motion to that effect.

21. Defendant opposes his transfer to disability inactive status.

Respectfully Submitted, this the 25th day of February 2008.



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CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE

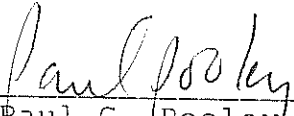
The signature below is a certification that the original written Answer has been this date mailed to the Office of the Secretary of the State Bar by depositing said document in an official depository of the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid and properly addressed as follows:

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The signature below is a certification that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Answer has been this date mailed to the Attorney for the State Bar by depositing said document in an official depository of the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid and properly addressed as follows:

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This the 25th day of February 2008.



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